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FRANCE IN INDO-CHINA.

French policy regarding the people of Indo-China continues to exercise the minds of the politicians of France. Some interest attaches to the opinions expressed in his report on the Colonial budgets to the Paris Chamber by M. Mélin, which are backed up by the Temps. In brief, the reporter pronounces for the policy of the education and uplifting of the natives, reasoning apparently that it is better that France should herself meet native aspirations, rather than that the Annamites should have to turn to others. He proposes, therefore, the serious organization of native education, but as a preliminary measure M. Mélin demands that the imparting of it by means of Chinese characters shall be definitely renounced, thus freeing the Annamite countries from a close intellectual dependence on China. In that case the phonetic alphabet, which is derived from the Latin alphabet, would be used, thus making Annam dependent intellectually on France. Such a reform is desired by the Annamites themselves, who now recognize the insufficiency of Chinese civilization. The Temps points out, in this connection, that the Annamites cannot be satisfied with a programme of education conceived in a spirit of distrust, and referring to the vast plan drawn up by M. Beau's Government, but never carried out, for contemporary reasons, that the French have had the absence of seeing the project of a University of the Far East abandoned at Hanoi, taken up and put into execution by the English at Hongkong, a lamentable result of hesitation and incoherence in conduct. With a view to satisfying the second idea of the native mind, M. Mélin proposes that there shall be established in the various provinces of Indo-China purely French schools, which would be open to all, and which would be managed by French teachers, who would be paid by the French Government.

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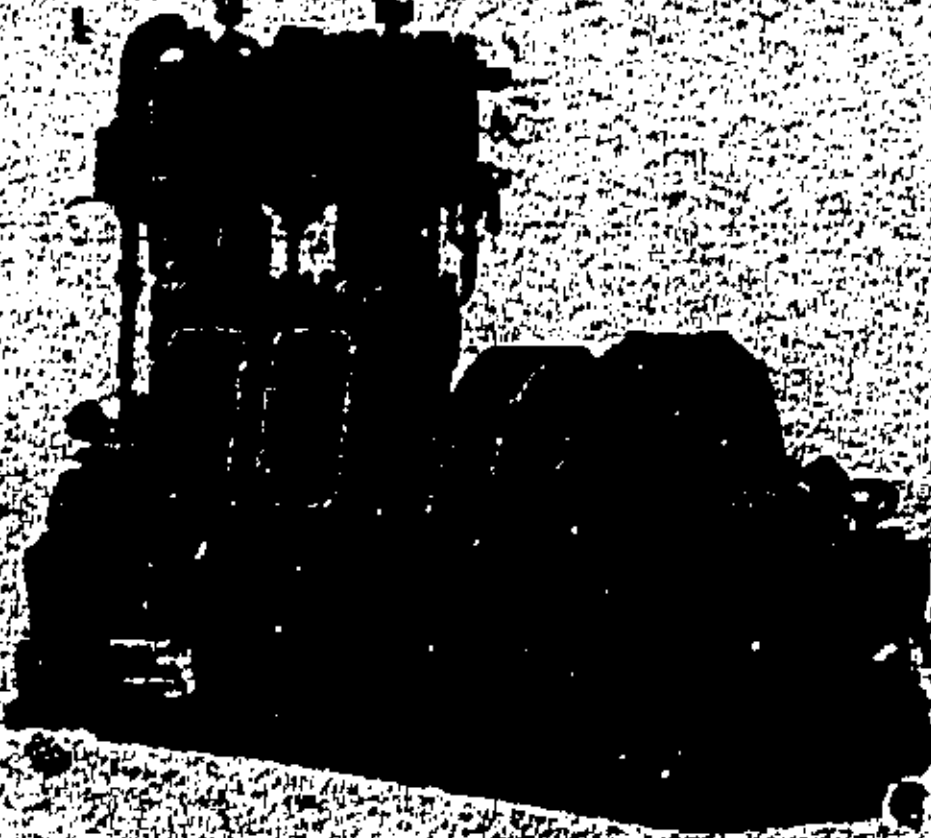
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Rajputa will play during the afternoon.  
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C. M. S. ALVES,  
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Hongkong, April 3, 1912.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
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YEARLY MEETING of the Society will  
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23rd April, 1912, at Noon, for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the Directors  
together with the Statement of Accounts to  
31st December, 1911, and of declaring  
Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society  
will be CLOSED from 13th April to the  
23rd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 3, 1912.

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CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING of the Company will  
be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's  
Buildings, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY**, the  
23rd April, 1912, at 12.30 P.M., for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with the Statement of  
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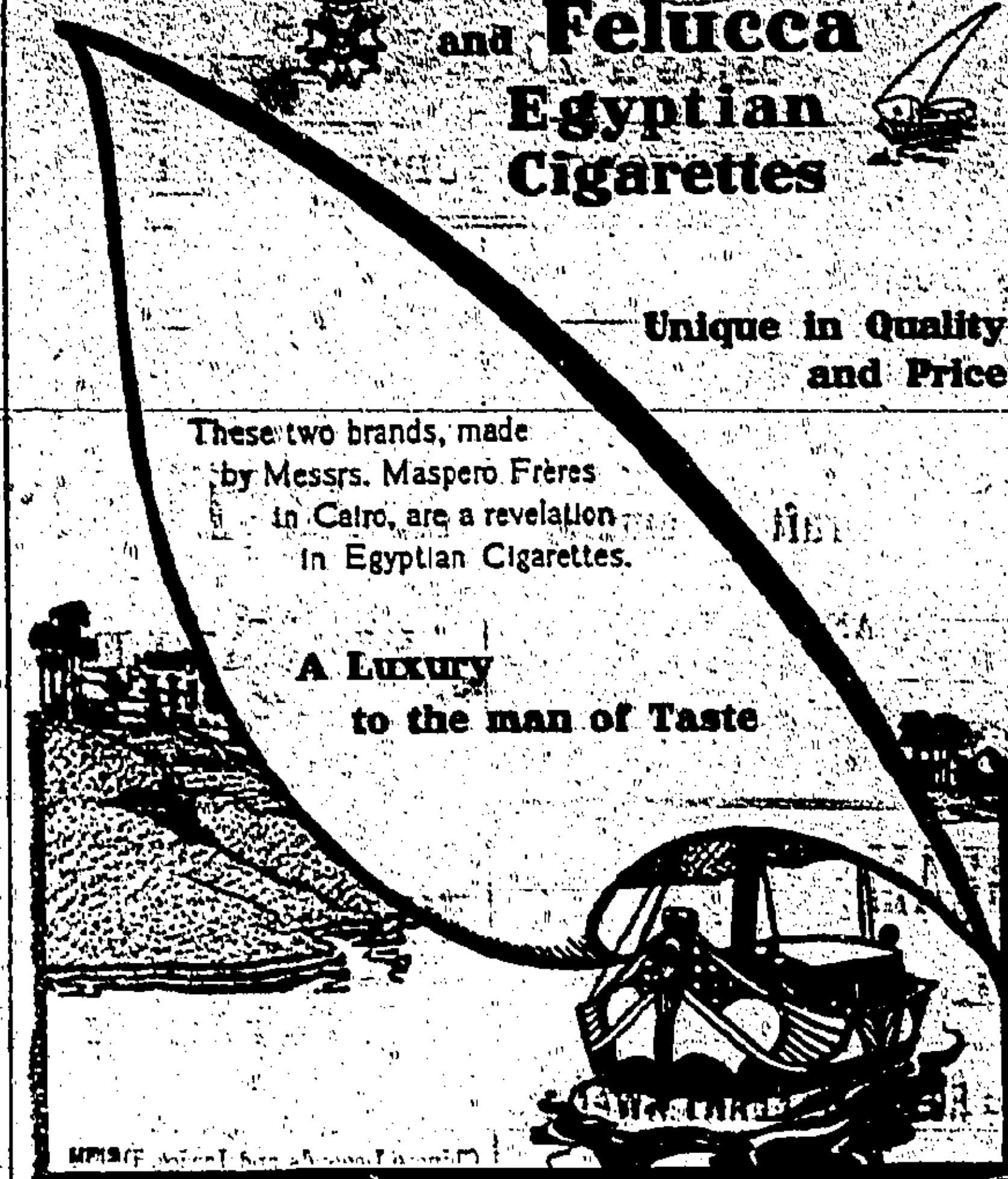
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## WONG WO-SHUN.

[HIS LIFE'S STORY CONTINUED.]

We left Wong at Saigon. When he met  
Sun Yat-sen, it is said the two men were  
attracted to each other, and Wong joined  
the new party. He at once plunged into  
the movement for the down-pulling of  
the Tsiang dynasty. About six years ago  
an outbreak in Ping-Lai showed that  
many were disaffected with the old rulers,  
and were thinking of the days of the  
ancient people of Han. The Two Kwang  
seemed to be a most favourable spot in  
which to foment a rebellion, the people  
being wealthy, and means of intercommu-  
nication easy. The populace, too, is fond  
of fighting and it was thought easy to raise  
a revolt. The plans of the leaders were laid  
and work commenced. Yu Han-man and  
Wong Wo-shun were sent to Hanoi, on  
the borders of Annam, to make connection  
with Wong Tsiang-wei. There it was easy  
to establish communication with the three  
southern provinces, and when once the  
revolt was set in motion, all other places, if  
they were expected to easily respond.  
Moreover, throughout this district there  
were countless brigands and robbers who  
were thoroughly conversant with the  
country, and with many of these men  
Wong Wo-shun was quite intimate, as he  
had joined hands with them in former days  
in robbing the people. Wong was there-  
fore just the man to be sent into such a  
district to call the robbers and brigands to  
arms, and to weld them together into some-  
thing like an organized party.

In addition it was decided that there  
should be simultaneous outbreaks in other  
parts of the province. Plans were laid for  
these at the same time as discontent was  
fomented in the west. In this way it was  
thought that the Imperialists would be  
compelled to divide their forces and if not  
to weaken them, to at least cause some  
confusion. Operations in Weichow were  
in the hands of Yu Ke-shing. He did not  
lay his plans with sufficient secrecy, and  
there was a premature outbreak. This  
spoiled everything for the other parties  
were not ready. Moreover, the out-break  
was easily quelled by the Imperialists.  
At a place named San No the people were  
enraged with the Manchu Government  
because of extortionate taxation and they  
rose in arms to resent the imposition  
of these heavy burdens. They were  
surrounded by Imperialist soldiers and  
punished with very great cruelty. Sun  
Yat-sen could not bear to see the people  
treated in this way as, if they were mere  
mud and ashes, so he sent two leaders to  
advance and assist the people of San No.

It has been said that Sun Yat-sen had  
decided to raise the standard of revolt in  
three places at the same time. The first  
was Wei-chow, and the troops and insur-  
gents there were now placed under the  
command of Hui-Sui-tai. The second  
district was Yanchow, and here Wong Wo-  
shun was in command. The third place was  
Chan Nam Kwan, and here Sun himself  
was at the head of the movement. The  
plan, starting from Wei-chow, was to take  
the city, then march and attack Chiochow,  
and gradually advance upon Canton from  
Linchow, and then, after subduing all the  
smaller places, to march into Kwangsi and  
join the forces with whatever rebel troops  
might be found willing to work with the  
party.

Then the unforeseen happened. The  
Imperialist troops, led by Wong Wo, were  
in the vicinity of Yam-chow, and they in  
large numbers marched to the support of  
the garrison, and attacked the invaders.  
Kwok, fearing that the plot was known, and  
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make a feint of attacking some other city,  
and then to return and suddenly attack  
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to attack the city of Ling Shao. This was  
a small town, and in the natural order of  
things it would not have been difficult to  
capture. But Wong's troops had made a  
long and painful march from Fong Shing to  
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it is usual to refer all the other phenomena  
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within the interval for which the forecasts  
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duty of the forecaster expressed in a  
single sentence, and it is Dr. Shaw's  
object to point out the nature and amount  
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from experience, guided by a knowledge  
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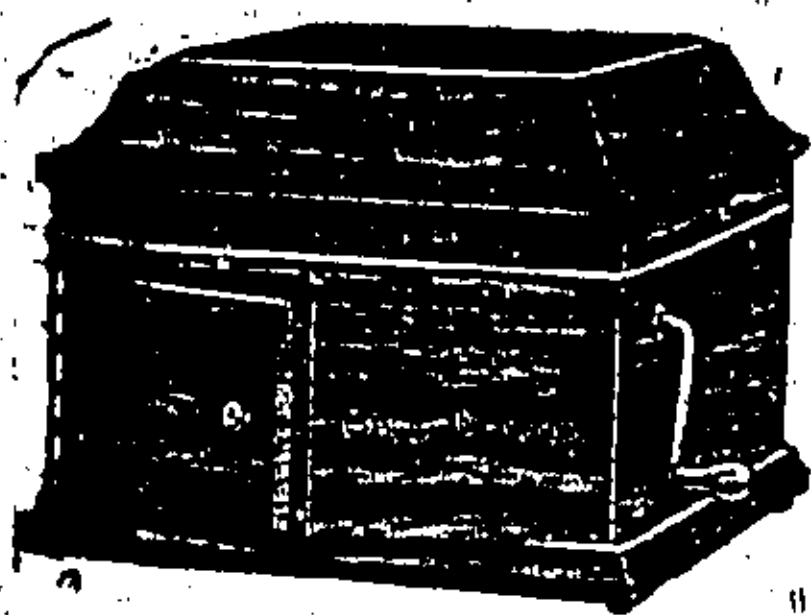
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remember that the Rt. Hon. Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL, when introducing the Naval Estimates, with out of his way to extol the financial genius of the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, 'always being able to find funds for the ever-increasing requirements of the Navy. Mr. LLOYD GEORGE evidently appreciated the flattering compliment and so he repays friend Winston by holding at his disposal for a year the whole of the Treasury surplus, least unhappily he should require it through some other great Power increasing or accelerating its shipbuilding programme. He justifies this extraordinary procedure by acknowledging that 11 millions of the surplus arose through the Navy not spending all the money voted last year—underspending in fact—and by arguing that we can afford to take no risks in providing a margin of safety for the preservation of the inviolability of our shores. These are very meritorious and certainly highly patriotic motives, but we think that Mr. AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN had much sense on his side when he remarked that such procedure would be damaging to national credit inasmuch as the money was really being diverted from its legitimate destination, the Sinking Fund. Mr. LLOYD GEORGE cannot by any stretch of the imagination be described as a great Chancellor of the Exchequer. His knowledge of the laws of higher finance is most rudimentary, as the big City bankers know only too well. It was but the other day that the financial magnates of London were asking him to take some steps to rehabilitate the credit of Consols, a stock which has reached a lower point during Mr. LLOYD GEORGE'S administration of the national finances than ever before. He listened to their arguments, talked to them very blandly, but sent them empty away; and now he heaps indignity on insult by again deliberately starving the Sinking Fund. We imagine that the sands of his career as keeper of the nation's purse are running low, despite his optimistic outlook and the party cry that he so shrewdly raises, that he is imposing no new taxation, for his proposed disposal of the big surplus will certainly not meet with the approval of the capitalists and the small investors of the Kingdom. For the rest, despite the great coal strike, the business outlook for the coming year seems very rosy, though Mr. LLOYD GEORGE says that much depends upon the relations of capital and labour. Capital will have, he says, to give a greater share of its luck to labour, while labour will have to exercise greater moderation in pressing its demands. The lessons of the great strike have yet to be properly appreciated, enunciated; and then applied, but we think that there are already signs to be discerned by those who are closely watching the trend of public thought of a tendency towards greater moderation on both sides. Capital and labour have both been chastened by recent events; and it is well that they should be. It will also be a very long time before the Trade Unions will have replaced their devastated strike funds and in the opinion of some of their own leaders it will be years before they can possibly take up a militant attitude on behalf of their various "programmes." All the same it behoves capital to also "play the game."

The Bombay police recently arrested two Indians who were found in possession of 75,000 grains of cocaine said to have been smuggled ashore from the Austrian Lloyd steamer "Oleoptra." This is the record haul for India.

There are again paying attention to Euro, our houses in the West Flank district, a number of petty burglaries having taken place within the last few weeks. At night the servants' quarters in one of the Park View houses were entered and a quantity of clothing stolen. The persistence of burglary in the district warrants special attention by the police.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

On March 15, 1907, the P. M. steamer "Patria" was delayed 24 hours by fog on her recent run up to Shanghai from Hongkong.

Eight contact mines anchored in the Dardanelles have been exploded through torpedoes running into them.

News has reached Calcutta of serious fighting at Gyantse, the Tibetans attacking and killing 80 of the Chinese garrison.

The Countess of Warwick has been insured by her manager for \$100,000 to cover her six weeks' lecturing tour in the United States.

The jury have acquitted Miss Monroe Stephens who was recently put on her trial in India for the alleged murder of Miss Orme, of Lahore.

Mr. W. N. Wright, who went to Japan in 1884 and subsequently became proprietor of Wright's Hotel in Yokohama, has died at the age of 84 in St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo.

Two new cruises are said to have formed on Mt. Mihar on Vries Island, and travellers to Yokohama by sea are now afforded a splendid spectacle at night, for both are discharging big streams of lava.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company Limited report that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 15th March amount to 30,264.57 tons and the sales during the period to 34,922.09 tons.

At the morning service at St. Peter's Church, West Point, next Sunday the preacher will be Bishop Ramsdell who will also perform the dedication ceremony of the new Baptist and Post, which has recently been placed in that church.

At Yarmouth the death has taken place of Mrs. Ann Xaxley, aged ninety-two, widow of a cab proprietor, who is survived by ninety-two descendants, of whom the number of grand-children (forty-two) is exactly equalled by that of her great-grandchildren.

Shipping circles in Calcutta are busy with rumours concerning a big combine of European fleets with the view of meeting Japanese competition. It is stated that the recent sale of the "Apar" boats to the British India Company is only the beginning of a merger on a gigantic scale.

Work for the furtherance of the malaria crusade in Singapore has been inaugurated by the Health Department of the Municipality. Two notorious swamps in the Orchard Road district have been tackled the first one being Payah Goyang, off Killiney Road, and the other a patch of swamp off Kramat Road, at the base of Government Hill.

The new battleships "Oklahoma" and "Navajo," will be the "last word" in American naval construction. They will be equipped to burn oil, will displace 27,500 tons, and are to steam twenty knots on trial. Their battery will consist of ten 14-in. guns, mounted in four turrets, so disposed that all the guns can be fired on either broadside. They will have only one funnel each.

We are asked to state that the services in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday, will be as follows:—Liturgy and Ante-Communion, 10.15 a.m.; matins and sermon, 11 a.m.; special service with hymns and short addresses on the Seven Last Words, 2 p.m.; evensong and address, 5.30 p.m.; preacher, Rev. G. H. Hewetson, B.Sc., D.D., Passion Music and the "Messiah," 8.15 p.m.

We have been asked to state that Messrs. Moutrie and Co's Store will be open for two hours from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday next for booking seats for the theatre. Owing to the recent changes in the programme we would like to remind theatre-goers that tickets are available only for the date they bear; in the case where tickets have been bought for a certain piece, the tickets must be changed if the date of the piece has been altered.

At a masked ball at Herford (Westphalia) a young girl was discovered crucified in the bathroom. The girl was apparently in a cataleptic trance, and it is thought possible that she is a victim of religious insanity, but as far there is no explanation whatever of the circumstances under which she came to be in the bathroom. She was wearing a "mask" which left no doubt that a portrait of the crucifixion was intended.

While Lieut. General Sir R. B. S. Baden-Powell was addressing a gathering of Boy Scouts at Portland, in Oregon, he was frequently interrupted by Socialists who expressed their opposition to the Boy Scout movement. In the midst of the General's address a Socialist named James J. O'Connell, who had been elected to the position of Scoutmaster of the local troop, interrupted the General and declared that he would not allow his troop to be trained in the Boy Scout movement. He then declared that he would not allow his troop to be trained in the Boy Scout movement.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. F. H. Bingham, of Messrs. Bingham, Matheson and Co., has been elected Chairman of the Yokohama Foreign Board of Trade.

The latest solicitor to be admitted to practice in Hongkong is Mr. C. A. S. Rose, who joins the firm of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell.

The Rev. F. T. Johnson, Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, leaves the Colony early in May. His successor arrives towards the end of that month. He is the Rev. V. H. Copeley Moyle, M.A., Vicar of Iping-cum-Chithurst.

During the Rev. C. E. Thompson's absence on leave, the post of Chaplain to the Seamen's Mission in Hongkong will be filled by the Rev. W. T. Austin, who for the last 33 years has been Chaplain for the Missions to Seamen in Yokohama.

Captain E. F. Dally, of the P. and O. s.s. Nile, has been offered and accepted, the post of Marine Superintendent Ashore to the Company at Bombay. When the Nile arrived in Colombo on March 19 from the Far East, her captain received confirmation of his appointment to this important shore post. Captain Dally, after completing his present voyage, will proceed to Bombay to take up the new appointment.

AN ABSENT DEFENDANT.

In the Supreme Court this morning an application was made by Mr. Russ (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell) for a new trial in a case where judgment had been given for the plaintiff by reason of defendant's failure to put in an appearance at the previous hearing.

Mr. Russ said that judgment was given against his client on March 15th. The defendant was a Chinaman and he apparently did not understand the writ and so he did not pay any attention to the matter until he found the bailiffs in his house. The defendant had had dealings with a firm consisting of one partner. He absconded in February, 1912. His firm's creditors had the goods of the firm sold up, and the books appeared to have come into the hands of some other person who had started the action though the money was not due to him. The applicant had paid the amount of the claim and costs into court, but denied that the money was due to the plaintiff.

Mr. Koon Sing, who appeared for the plaintiff, urged that the defendant knew when he had to appear, and that his client was prepared to swear that he was a partner in the firm. The plaintiff firm was closed but not for the reason which had been stated by his friend.

On the question of costs Mr. Russ said that if he proved that the plaintiff was not a partner in the firm the money would be proved to have been committed to a gross contempt of court by being for money not due to him.

The application was granted.

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The following business will be transacted immediately after the dinner:—To hold the Annual General Meeting, elect the Committee, and distribute the prizes won at the Rifle Meeting.

"THE MESSIAH."

The usual performance of selections from Handel's famous Oratorio "The Messiah" will take place in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday evening at 9.15 p.m. Ever since these performances were instituted by Mr. Denman Fuller in 1908 they have been increasingly well attended and it is thought that the seating capacity of the Cathedral will on this occasion be taxed to its utmost.

Usually the choruses have been rendered by a body of about 70 singers; this year the chorus numbers 100 voices. The selections to be sung comprise nearly the whole of part 2 and seven numbers from part 3 of "The Messiah." The soloists are Mrs. T. L. Perkins, Mrs. F. J. Hunter, His Excellency Mr. Claud Evers, Mr. T. H. Best, Mr. C. Pearce and Master T. Martin. Before the selections are sung Basil Harwood's "Benediction, Amen," and Wagner's Good Friday music from "Parsifal" will be played on the Organ.

Four new songs have been added to the Cathedral organ and the instrument will be heard in its complete form for the first time on Good Friday as far as the local scheme goes. The collection at this service goes to the organ fund. It is to be hoped that the collection this year will realize a more adequate amount than in the last Good Friday. Although over 1000 persons were present the collection only amounted to just over \$200, a well hardly proportionate to the size of the congregation.

CONVICTS' HOME-OWNERS.

It is proposed to have a Reserves dinner at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday, the 20th instant, at 7.45 p.m. if sufficient members notify the secretary that they are willing to subscribe; cost to be about \$3 (three dollars) per head. Members should forward their names, together with names of guests they wish to ask, not later than Wednesday, the 10th instant.

A REPLY TO THE AGREEMENT.

An interesting case concerning a dispute connected with shipping came before the Justice Commission in the Summary Court this morning when the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., claimed from H. P. Robinson, of the s.s. Wing Hung the sum of \$276.98, being money due under an agreement dated August 23rd.

In the alternative the plaintiff asked for a further alternative if the plaintiff claim was for the paid sum being money paid by the plaintiff at the request of defendant.

Mr. Davidson stated that the object of the plaintiff had in bringing the case forward was to obtain a rule upon the contract upon which it was founded. The plaintiff made out a number of contracts with officers employed on their steamer, and there was some doubt as to the contract. It was one which was made upon getting officers employed on the plaintiff's steamer from England.

The agreement was in the form of a letter sent by defendant who agreed to enter the services of the company as third officer at a fixed salary, the passage out to be advanced by the company and to be refunded by him at the rate of £3 per month, &c.

Mr. Davidson added that the agreement had been admitted by the defendant and he also admitted that the passage out was paid by the plaintiff. The defendant came out in October, 1910, and signed articles on the plaintiff's s.s. On Bang. He served for a year, and at the end of that time he resigned. He did not do anything of the £28.64 advanced for his passage. He served for twelve months, and plaintiffs did not press for payment of that money because defendant was a married man, a fact which they were unaware of at the time he came out. There had been nothing said or done to discharge defendant from his liability, and so he had now obtained employment elsewhere they had brought the action to determine their rights.

Mr. Russ contended that there had been a great many such agreements but he was afraid that only few men had adhered rigidly to them.

Mr. Russ asked Mr. Sutherland (head of the company's shipping office) why the firm did not give men less salary per month instead of expecting a monthly payment from them. He (Mr. Russ) contended that if that was done they would find it impossible to get men.

Mr. Russ—As a matter of fact you have been rather hard up for men lately?

Mr. Sutherland—No.

There is nothing in the articles about his paying his passage money?—No, that I know of.

Why was not a clause about passage money inserted in the articles?—That is a matter I know nothing about.

I put it to you that you know perfectly well that it could not be done?—Perhaps not.

You have not before used anyone on this agreement?—No.

He was not about this matter, and I think he said he could not pay?—Yes.

You asked him to think the matter over and when he came back from thinking the matter over he said, "I think I shall leave the company."—That I don't remember.

Owing to the fact that you did not want him to leave you did not press the claim. You never did press the claim or ask him for the money?—I asked him on one occasion for the money.

It was after leaving that you sued him?

Mr. Russ then referred to sections in the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 and submitted that there was no case. The Act was a consolidation of various other Acts. There were a great many stipulations to protect seamen.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A fine of \$135 was imposed on a Chinese for failing to stamp a rent receipt.

Mrs. Maco, of Wanchai, summoned two rickshaw coolies for refusing hire, and fines of \$3 were imposed on each instance.

For behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk at Spring Garden Lane, a blue-jacket was fined \$4 or seven days imprisonment.

For having imported four bottles of dutiable liquor without paying the prescribed duty, a Chinaman was fined \$25 or a month's hard labour.

Charged with stealing a Panama hat valued \$4.50, from a competitor in Queen's Road West, a Chinaman was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and four hours stocks.

Ten dollars fine or a month's imprisonment was the sentence passed on a Chinese for cruelty to two partridges by carrying them in Queen's Road West yesterday suspended on a string tied to their wing.

A Chinese was to-day charged before Mr. Melbourn with throwing a woman and a child on to the ground. The woman was a blind beggar and the child was a baby. The woman was carrying the child in her arms. The woman was carrying the child in her arms. The woman was carrying the child in her arms.

The four Chinese who arrested a man for the s.s. "Albatross" and took him to the police station, were fined \$20 each or three months' imprisonment, while a Chinese named Mr. ... was fined \$10 or three months' imprisonment.

SPORTING.

BILLIARDS.

The final games between the 27 Co. R.G.A. and the A.O. Dept in the Soldiers Club Tournament were played last evening. Prior to commencement of play, the A.O.D. had a deficit of 153 points to wipe off if they were to go into the semi-final stage. This, however, they failed to do, the gunners increasing their advantage to 201 points. The first pair to commence play were C.S.M. Talbot and S. Sgt. Foster, the latter winning by 48 points. The second and last pair were Sgt. Wrigley and Gunner Bridgewater, the gunners playing a masterly game throughout, and comfortably by 113 points.

The Gunners have now two teams in the semi-finals, viz.—63 Co. R.G.A. versus R.K. Volunteers; 87 Co. R.G.A. versus Royal Engineers.

BOXING.

The entries for the V.R.C. Amateur Boxing Tournament to be held on Saturday, 13th inst., close at the Hon. Secretary at 5 p.m. on Saturday next, 6th inst.

RACING.

The Remount Meeting to be held on the Race Course, Happy Valley, next Saturday afternoon, bids fair to be most successful, provided the weather keeps fine. As is only natural, some of the points have improved since then. Races, while otherwise gone back in addition, but the racing will be good, especially in the handicap events, and the finishers in most of the races should prove exciting, with hard ridden and fought on down the home straight.

It is quite impossible to pick out the winners for the seven events in the programme, but the following are some of the favourites.

THE FINEST STAKES.—Failing.

THE DRAKE STAKES.—Anchorage.

THE E. STAKES.—Defiant.

THE FAIRFAX STAKES.—Norman.

THE MINNESOTA.—Mogul.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

### THE MINERS' BALLOTS.

#### A SETTLEMENT PROBABLE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

The result of the coalminers' ballot at midnight was as follows:—

For resumption..... 141,353

Against resumption 156,015

These figures include the following returns from Scotland:—

For resumption..... 12,879

Against resumption 20,850

Despite the hostile vote of the northern miners, it is believed that they will not oppose a national settlement should the Miners' Federation advise resumption.

Mr. Enoch Edwards, President of the Miners' Federation, speaking at Stoke, said he was convinced that the ultimate result would be such as would empower himself and his colleagues to order the men to resume.

### RIOTS IN SCOTLAND AND WALES.

LONDON, April 4.

Wild scenes are reported from Glenartig, Fifeshire, where a crowd of 2,000 people, including many women, attempted to prevent men from working.

The police charged the mob, who replied with volleys of stones. Eventually they were dispersed.

There was also a disturbance at Pontypool where the miners smashed the windows of strike-breakers with stones. Two men were critically injured.

### A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

LATER.

The Times indicates that the strike may prove a blessing in disguise to the railways, whom experience has taught much concerning the superfluity of trains and the avoidance of expensive competition.

### IMPERIAL TRADE.

#### THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

"Strongest Ever Constituted."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

The Right Hon. Mr. L. V. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has announced the names of the members of the Royal Commission to enquire into the Trade Resources of the Empire as follows:—

#### CHAIRMAN.

Lord Inchcape, formerly Mr. James Lyle Mackay, a Calcutta merchant member of the Secretary of State's Council, who negotiated the Commercial Treaty with China in 1902.

#### MEMBERS.

Sir Edgar Vincent, K.C.M.G., former Financial Adviser to the Egyptian Government, Governor of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, Constantinople, and late Conservative M.P. for Exeter;

Sir Charles John Owens, General Manager L. and S. C. Railway;

Sir Henry Rider Haggard, the well-known novelist and commissioner;

Mr. Tom Garnett, a Manchester cotton master;

Mr. William Lorimer, of Glasgow;

Hon. Mr. G. E. Foster, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce;

Mr. Donald Campbell, ex-legislator in South Australia;

Mr. Edward Bowring, ex-legislator in Newfoundland;

Hon. Sir D. P. de V. Graaf, South African Minister of Public Works, Posts and Telegraphs;

Sir Joseph Ward, ex-Premier of New Zealand.

### MR. HARCOURT'S CONFIDENCE.

Mr. Harcourt gave it as his opinion that this was the strongest Commission ever constituted. Members of the House of Commons had, he said, been deliberately excluded, and he thought the Commission would command complete confidence.

### VICTORIAN LOAN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

A Melbourne telegram states that the Victorian Government has decided to issue a loan of £2,500,000 to meet the cost of the proposed Victoria Harbor scheme.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### GRAVE RAILWAY SITUATION.

#### ACCUSATION AGAINST THE COMPANIES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 4.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Labour M.P. for Derby, and Assistant Secretary of the Railwaymen's Union, called attention to a grave situation in the railway world arising from the failure of certain companies to carry out their obligations under the Government's conciliation scheme, and stated that unless the Board of Trade immediately acted, the result would be serious. He suggested that the grievances be submitted to arbitration.

On behalf of the Board of Trade, Mr. J. M. Robertson, Secretary to the Board, agreed to consider the suggestion.

### ENGLISH FOOTBALL CUP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 4.

The replayed matches in the semi-finals of the English Football Cup resulted as follows:—

West Bromwich Albion beat Blackburn Rovers by 1 goal to nil at Sheffield after extra time had been played;

Barnsley beat Swindon by 1 goal to nil at Nottingham.

(Note.—With the defeat of Swindon, the plucky Southern side, who alone of the four teams mentioned have never entered the final of the Cup, the hopes of the South disappear. Swindon, it will be recalled, made a game fight in the competition last year, when they were also Southern League champions, a honour which they again look like carrying off this season.)

Both Barnsley and West Bromwich, who will now meet in the final, have won their way through to that stage before. The former met Newcastle United two seasons ago and after playing a draw were defeated by 2 goals to nil. West Bromwich won the cup in 1892, beat Aston Villa by 3 goals to nil, and some time ago met in the final three years later, Aston Villa then winning by 1 goal to nil.

Blackburn Rovers, whose career for this year is ended after a stiff fight, won the cup in 1891, beating Netts by 3 goals to 1. This year's final should be a fine struggle, as the teams have never met before in a straight fight for the honour of winning the much-coveted trophy.—Ed. C.M.]

### THE WESTRALIAN TYPHOON.

#### A STEAMER'S FATE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

A telegram from Reuter's agent at Perth, Western Australia, states that a portion of the Koombeah (overdue since the recent typhoon) and some wreckage have been found.

It is feared that the passengers and crew, totalling 130 persons, have been lost.

### SWEDISH WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm states that a Bill has been introduced into the Legislature to confer upon women the Parliamentary franchise and giving women the right to stand for election. It also provides that men, and wives whose husbands have paid no taxes for three years, shall not have the right to vote.

### CALIFORNIAN FEARS.

#### SUSPICIONS OF JAPANESE ACTIVITY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

A telegram from Washington states that the Senate has passed a resolution asking President Taft, if such action is compatible with public interest, to furnish all possible information regarding the reported Japanese activity at Magdalena Bay, in Mexican California.

### BRITISH BUDGET SURPLUS.

#### A NAVAL "NEST-EGG."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

The Times states that the Government has set aside the Budget surplus with the express intention of using it for increasing shipbuilding if the German naval programme is increased.

This was not clearly realised after Mr. Lloyd George's statement, but Mr. Mackenzie-Kennedy gave an assurance that the money would not be used for the Navy, without the sanction of the House of Commons.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### BERMUDA'S NEW GOVERNOR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 4.

Major General Sir Mackworth Dulong has been appointed Governor of Bermuda in succession to the late Lieut. General Sir F. W. Kitchen, who recently died following an operation for appendicitis.

(Note.—The new Governor of Bermuda has been General Officer Commanding the West Riding Division since 1910. He saw a great deal of service in the Boer War, being in command of the 2nd Devon Regiment, and later was General Commanding in Egypt. Born in India, he is 60 years of age. The Bermuda Governorship is worth \$2,046 per annum.—Ed. C.M.]

### CHINESE AFFAIRS.

#### SUN YAT-SEN COMING SOUTH.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)

SHANGHAI, April 3.

Sun Yat-sen arrived here today accompanied by Wong Ching-wai and Wu Han-man. They came by special train, and will proceed to Canton by way of Foochow and Amoy.

### MISSION BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

A riot has broken out in the capital of Honan Province and the missionary schools situated there have been pulled down.

### WONG HING'S POST.

Wong Hing has declined the appointment of General Staff Officer, but promises to render any assistance in his power.

### PROPOSED UNIVERSITY.

Yuan Shih-kai has sanctioned the proposal of Yim Sou that a University be established. He orders the financial department to arrange for meeting the cost of the project.

### PEKING THE CAPITAL.

At a meeting held in the Consultative Chamber in Nanking in regard to the question of deciding the capital, 20 votes were cast for Peking and only five against.

### EXIT IMPERIAL CLAN.

The late Empress Dowager has ordered the Imperial Clan to dissolve at once.

### EASTER RECESS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 4.

Parliament has adjourned until the 10th inst.

### IMPERIAL BRITISH SQUADRON.

#### A CANADIAN PROPOSAL.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, April 3.

The Standard correspondent at Quebec states that the Quebec Chronicle has published an outline of Mr. Borden's proposed naval policy. While the number of ships has not been decided, it is believed that tenders will be called immediately for two super-dreadnought cruisers. Canada will notify the Imperial Government and the Governments of the Dominions that naval autonomy is essential and that representation is imperative. Both can only be met by the creation of an Imperial Squadron to which the British Dominion Governments should contribute and which should be controlled by an Imperial Board of Admiralty.

### TAKING HOME "THE ASHES."

Some Criticisms by "The Skipper."

We reproduce from the Times of London the following paragraph, which appears in an interview given by Mr. F. F. Warner to the representative of that journal while passing through Colombo.

"Mr. Warner said, in reply to enquiries as to his health, that he was feeling particularly fit, and 'intently remarked that, although he had nearly left his bones behind in Australia, he had brought back the 'ashes' instead. He said that of course he was greatly disappointed that he had been unable to turn out with the team, but he was in no small measure compensated by the magnificent manner in which the side, as a whole, had worked together. He considered the team played magnificently and absolutely deserved victory. This, also, he might say, was the opinion of the Australian."

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TABLE 1. 1912. FOR  
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SAILING FROM HONGKONG ALSO FOR  
LONDON, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers to Colombo		Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to Marseilles and London	Due Marseilles (Brindisi 5 days earlier)	Due Plymouth (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	1 p.m. Sat day	Steamer Tons	Saturday	Friday
DELTA	8000	April 13	MALACCA 13500	May 11	May 17
ARABIA	7500	April 27	MONGOLIA 10000	May 25	May 31
ORIENTAL	5254	May 11	MALWA 10000	June 8	June 14
DEVANHA	8000	May 25	CHINA 8000	June 22	June 28
DELTA	8000	June 8	MACEDONIA 10500	July 6	July 12
ARCADIA	7000	June 22	MOREA 11000	July 20	July 26

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STAMUR	7000	May	1	June	14
PALAWAN	6000	May	15	June	29
BOBINO	6000	May	29	July	13
STRIA	7000	June	12	July	27
MOBE	7000	June	26	August	10

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For	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	To Sail.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	VILLE DE LA CROIX	ECHENAUER	Apr. 8, about 6 P.M.
MARSEILLES, Via PORT AUSTRALIEN	ARLAIN		April 9, at 1 P.M.

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STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
WAIYANG	Capt. J. W. Evans	FRIDAY, 5th Apr., at 11 A.M.
SAICHING	Capt. W. G. Parsons	TUESDAY, 9th Apr., at 11 A.M.
KAIYAN	Capt. J. S. Roach	FRIDAY, 12th Apr., at 11 A.M.

**FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.**  
(Occupying 8 Days)

STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
WAIMUN	Capt. A. H. Stewart	SUNDAY, 7th April, at 10 A.M.
		WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at 11 A.M.

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ALBATROSS	April 12	Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga	April 19

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MAIL SCHEDULE  
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ALDENHAM	Apr. 2	April 5th, at 10 A.M.
EMPIRE	Apr. 5	April 5th, at 4 P.M.
ST. ALBANS	Apr. 8	April 27th, at Noon
EASTERN	May 2	May 25th, at Noon

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